

## RUMOR OF FAILURE

## SUDDEN DROP COMES IN ALLIS-CHALMERS STOCK.

## Executive Board Will Meet in New York Early Next Month to Raise Funds to Carry on the Work of the Company.

A sudden and decided drop in both common and preferred stock of the Allis-Chalmers company, of Chicago, a \$36,000,000 corporation, which controls the heavy machinery output of the United States, Friday followed or was caused by rumors that a receivership would be asked for the corporation because of unstable financial conditions.

The rumors were heard and the drop took place at so nearly the same time that nobody could tell exactly which was the cause and which was the effect.

Representatives of the company maintain that the rumors were without foundation and the drop was merely the result of a persistent bear movement, and meant nothing.

The company's preferred stock fell from 22 to 15 1/2, while common stock dropped from 9 to 5.

The bearish movement which brought about this drop was felt to the greatest extent in New York.

At the headquarters of the company in the Chicago Bank building the rumors of a receivership were indignantly denied. The report in stock values was a part of a consistent bear movement, said the company's officials, of which other corporations were victims as well.

Walter H. Whiteside, president of the company, issued a statement denying the receivership story emphatically. Along with the stories of the company's unstable financial condition, none of which appeared to be backed up with facts, comes the statement that a meeting will be held in New York City early next month for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the work of the company during the coming year.

## PUT SOP TO RACE RIOTING.

## Resence of Troops Restores Peace Among Whites and Negroes.

As a result of the arrival of state troops at Onancock, Va., where the race rioting was in progress for several days, everything is reported quiet. Troops ordered to the scene are patrolling the town.

The situation is still critical, and there is still danger of a further outbreak between the whites and the blacks.

Gov. Swanson has returned to Norfolk from Onancock. He reported the situation in that community as quiet and anticipates no further trouble unless it is provoked by the negroes. He advised the whites in his speech at Onancock last night that it devolved upon them to maintain the supremacy of the white race.

The second detail of troops was not necessary, the governor says, and the order for them would have been countermanded but for the demoralization in telegraphic communication incident to the strike of the telegraphers. The negroes in the vicinity of Onancock are said to be shrinking from the soldiers, but they are still in a bad humor and ripe for trouble. A carload of white citizens from Pocomoke, Md., arrived at Onancock Friday afternoon. They came at the instigation of the people of Onancock and will remain until the trouble is over.

## FIVE PERSONS ARE KILLED.

## Eleven More Injured by the Collapse of a Small Frame Building.

Five persons were killed and eleven injured, three seriously, in the collapse Friday of a two-story frame building at 55 Fry street, Chicago, occupied as a boarding house.

The bodies of the dead were taken from the ruins by policemen and firemen who risked their lives when compelled to crawl under the wreckage to reach the victims.

The dead are Mrs. Anna Rosal, owner of the house, her son, daughter and sister, and Albert Stehm, a boarder.

## Lawyer Dies in Court.

John Kindt, an attorney, dropped dead in Superior Court Judge McSweeney's court in Chicago, just as he was about to take the stand as a witness in the divorce suit of Mrs. Nina E. Brewer against Ira A. Brewer.

## Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves, \$6.00 @ 7.25. Top hogs, \$6.15.

## Pacific Island Is Lost.

The captain of the schooner Luke C. Olsen, returning to Honolulu from a cruise to Laysan Island, reported that he was unable to find the island after a twelve days' search.

## Maine Fire Costs Lives.

Two lives were lost and five were injured, three seriously, as the result of a fire which swept through Old Orchard, Me., Thursday night, causing a loss of \$500,000 to \$750,000.

## ABE RUEF BADLY WORRIED.

## Told Loneragan He Shouldn't Have Done It.

The cross examination of former Supervisor Thomas F. Loneragan by Delphin M. Delmas occupied the major part of the morning session Thursday in the court trial of Louis Glass, of San Francisco, for bribery.

After detailing again the circumstances under which he accepted \$11,750 in bribes of from \$500 to \$5,000 for his vote in favor of corporation franchises and privileges, Loneragan struck a new note in his narrative by introducing the name of Abe Ruef. Answering questions skillfully put by Delmas, he said:

"A few days after Roy had paid me \$500 at the Pavilion skating rink to vote against an ordinance to permit minors from skating within certain hours I met Ruef on the street, and he stopped me. He said Gallagher told him he had taken \$500 from Roy. I admitted it. Ruef said, 'My God, Tom, you should not have done that! It may be all right, but I don't like it. For heaven's sake, don't do it again.' He seemed to be worried a good deal, and so was I. I knew I had committed the felony, and I was afraid I would be caught."

Loneragan told the story of how he was trapped at Roy's home and of the confession he made there under the promise of immunity by District Attorney Langdon.

## WATCHING BIG TRUSTS.

## Spies Said to Be on Pay Rolls of Combines.

Secret service agents of the United States department of justice, working through the bureau of corporations, are said to be on the pay rolls of all the big railway corporations and trust combinations of the country.

In Chicago alone, it is said, there are at least 150 special men who are working for the railroads and packing house companies and are watching every move made with the view to ascertaining whether the corporation laws are observed in letter and spirit.

While no proof is obtainable as to the presence of these employees, in several instances men have been removed from their positions in the ground that they were in the employ of the government as spies.

One of the officers at this end of the department of justice, when asked if such an army was at work for the government, said: "If it were so I could not tell. I know of cases where men have lost their positions unjustly from falling under suspicion. I have heard the statement made before, but I shall neither affirm nor deny. Such work is done, and the agents of the bureau of corporations are those most likely to be engaged in it."

## BELFAST STRIKE AT END.

## Controversy Which Has Caused So Much Grief Is Finally Settled.

Negotiations between the arbitrators and strikers resulted Thursday in a settlement of the labor troubles at Belfast, Ireland. The agreement is in the nature of a compromise. The men returned to work Friday at a slight increase in wages and with fixed hours, while the employers are left entirely free to employ either unionists or non-unionists. Picketing at once comes to an end, and this will greatly assist the authorities in withdrawing the troops.

## A Big Dynamite Blast.

A dynamite factory at Doemitz, Germany, exploded Thursday. One life is known to have been lost. Eight persons are missing and are regarded as killed. Twenty persons were dangerously injured and sixty slightly hurt.

## Packing Plant Damaged.

A storage plant of the National Packing company in South St. Joseph, Mo., was struck by lightning Thursday morning and partially destroyed by fire. The loss was \$50,000, covered by insurance.

## May Open Fair Sundays.

A plan to open the Jamestown exposition Sundays, with a small admission fee and none of the concessions opened, has been submitted by Director General Barr to Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, with a request for approval.

## Bloody "Peace" in Russia.

It is reported 274 persons throughout the Russian empire were killed for political offenses during the month of July. It is also stated officially that 54 Russian officers and 95 privates were killed and 47 officers and 52 privates wounded while maintaining order during the same month.

## To Be More Fighting.

Reports from Casablanca indicate the Kabyles are gathering reinforcements as if preparing for a final effort to capture Gen. Drude's camp outside the city.

## Standard Oil Dividend.

The Standard Oil company declared a quarterly dividend of \$6 a share Thursday. This was unchanged from last year.

## A Reply to Mark Twain.

The press bureau of the Congo independent state has issued a pamphlet in reply to "King Leopold's Soliloquy," written by Mark Twain.

## Empress Is to Abdicate.

Dispatches from Shanghai state the empress dowager of China has announced her determination to abdicate the next Chinese New Year and hand over the cares of state to the emperor.

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## WILL NOT INTERVENE.

## Roosevelt Keeps Out of Telegraphers' Strike.

President Roosevelt will not concern himself personally with the telegraphers' strike, according to the best information obtainable Wednesday night.

Appeals to the president to take some action looking to a settlement of the strike were received at the executive office at Oyster Bay Wednesday from boards of trade and commercial bodies of a large number of cities. The applications were similar in character to that formulated Tuesday by coterie of financiers headed by John C. McLean, the importance of direct action by the president. The communications have been referred to Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill.

It is understood that no instructions or recommendations have been forwarded to Mr. Neill. From the first Mr. Neill has been active in an endeavor to effect a settlement of the trouble. It is stated that as yet he has made no report to the president, nor has he received any messages from Mr. Roosevelt touching upon the matter in hand.

Mr. Neill's movements, however, have been closely followed, and while the direct statement is not made the impression is given that in Mr. Neill's effort the administration considers that the limit of its functions and authority in the matter is being exercised.

## PEACE ON THE RAILROADS.

## Danger of Trouble in West is Averted—Arbitration Resorted To.

All danger of the spread of the strike of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen employed by the Colorado and Southern railway was relieved Tuesday night by the agreement reached whereby all the differences between the trainmen of that and other roads entering Denver will be settled by an arbitration committee, which held its first session Wednesday. All the brotherhood men on strike will return to work and all the non-union men will be discharged at once. The arbitration committee consists of one representative of each of the railroads affected and one each of their switchmen and yardmen, and three from other labor organizations.

## BOMB FOR AN IRISH LORD.

## Walls of Ashton's Apartment Are Wrecked by Explosion.

Lord Ashton had a narrow escape from death at his residence, Glenabury Lodge, near Clonmel, Ireland, early Wednesday morning. He was asleep in his room on the ground floor when a terrific explosion occurred, caused by a bomb. It shattered one of the walls of his apartment and destroyed most of the furniture, but did not injure Lord Ashton.

Ashton had been threatened by political agitators, and a local politician who is justice of the peace was charged with inciting others to murder. He was, however, acquitted.

## FOR MURDER OF A WOMAN.

## Former American Marine Is Arrested at Chefoo.

Dispatches from Chefoo, China, report the arrest there of W. H. Adsetts, formerly of the United States marines guarding the legation at Peking. He is suspected of robbing and killing a woman whose body was found in a box on a British steamer at Hongkong. Adsetts was arrested only after he made a violent resistance and later broke out of the local jail and escaped. Several thousand dollars and other valuables believed to have belonged to the murdered woman were taken from Adsetts.

## Fight for Sain Man's Riches.

Relatives of John C. Wilson, of Valparaiso, Ind., who was killed by a maniac in New York City a few weeks ago, will contest his will. He bequeathed his estate, valued at \$400,000, to six employees and a friend, cutting off blood relatives.

## Chicago Bank Change.

The Federal National bank of Chicago, has passed into the hands of the Chicago board of trade. Each of the board's members, Isaac N. Perry and his associates transferred their entire interests to the new concern.

## Salmon Catch Is Short.

From the canneries on Bering sea comes the report that the season is ended and that the salmon pack is 50 per cent less than any previous year in the history of the industry.

## St. Paul Fire Checked.

The International Flax Twine company's plant at St. Paul, Minn., was damaged to the extent of \$40,000 Wednesday morning. The plant is valued at \$1,500,000.

## WESTERN LEAGUE BASEBALL.

## Schedule of Games to Be Played at Sioux City Ia.

Following is a schedule of the Western League games to be played at Sioux City in the immediate future: Omaha.....August 22, 23, 24, 25 Lincoln.....September 6, 7, 8

## Rural Guards Pursue Outlaw Band.

The outlaws in Santa Clara province, who were dispersed Sunday, are being pursued by 150 of the rural guards. A prisoner declares that the band consists of only six men and that only four are still at large.

## New Secretary for New Mexico.

President Roosevelt Wednesday appointed Wathan Jaffa to be secretary of New Mexico, vice K. W. Reynolds, resigned.

## Nebraska State News

## CAMPAIGN A BITTER ONE.

## Strike for Office of Chief Justice of Supreme Court.

Bitter, vituperative and explosive is the campaign within the Republican ranks for the office of chief justice of the supreme court. The contest will be decided at the Republican primaries Sept. 3.

Supporters of Judge M. B. Reese, the progressive or reform Republicans, started the warfare. They attacked the record of Chief Justice Sedgwick, now campaigning for a re-nomination. This was answered by Dean Roscoe Pound, until a few weeks ago the head of the Nebraska state university law school and soon to go to Northwestern university to take a position in the law school as professor.

Pound made a direct attack on State Chairman W. B. Rose and United States Senator Norris Brown. As spokesman, he also included F. H. Abbott, of Columbus, a regent of the state university, in his attack.

Pound charged gross dereliction of duty on the part of Brown and Rose, who were formerly at the head of the state legal department. Abbott has just answered with a stinging letter in which he charges that Judge Sedgwick is three candidates of the railroads. This is the first test of the new primary law in the state and the conservative Republican press charges that the party has been split into pieces by the fierce strife between the candidates.

## ARE OIL RATES TOO LOW?

## Such is Allegation of Nebraska Companies.

Oil transportation rates are higher in Nebraska than in adjoining states. This fact seems to have been determined by the oil rate investigation which was held at Lincoln before the state railway commission. Complainants were the Marshall Oil company, of Lincoln; the National Petroleum company, of Cleveland, O., and the National Refining company, of Omaha. These concerns alleged that the rates in Nebraska were discriminatory because low rates to county seat points were granted to the Standard Oil company, and as a result the oil retained in wagons. This placed the independent concerns at a disadvantage.

The complainants ask that rates be adjusted on the Kansas basis in such a way that there will be no discrimination.

## RAIN SHORT, BUT WHEAT FINE.

## Southern Nebraska Corn Is Showing Effects of Three Weeks' Drouth.

The weather has been extremely warm for the last three weeks, with no rain. It is telling seriously against the corn. Wheat threshing has been going on rapidly and the wheat is mostly threshed. Good prices have prevailed, and for the last twenty-one days wheat has been brought to the elevators in Edgar at an average rate of 8,000 bushels per day. This is the banner year for wheat in that section.

## Searson's Trial in September.

Prof. James W. Searson, charged with criminal assault upon Miss Katherine Hudson, when brought before the county judge at Auburn, entered a plea of not guilty, waived a preliminary examination and was held to the district court in the sum of \$1,000 bond, which he immediately gave, and was released.

## William Hicks Shot at Nehawka.

Hicks, of Nehawka, was visiting together, singing, drinking and having a good time, when, without warning, Shrader shot Hicks in the breast. The bullet was deflected from its course by the breastbone and lodged near the shoulder. He will recover. The men had not been quarreling and were on the best of terms.

## Wymore Paper Sold.

The Wymore Weekly Arbor State plant was sold to J. W. Ellingham, of Crete. The Arbor State plant is part of the J. R. Dodd's estate, and since Mr. Dodd's death a few months ago the paper has been edited by James Murphy, of Table Rock, executor and son-in-law of Mr. Dodd.

## Young Woman Injured.

Miss Fay Stone, of Upland, received a bad scalp wound as a result of carelessness on the part of some young men who were pitching horseshoes. As there have been complaints in regard to the recklessness of several young men, the county attorney has been instructed to take up this case.

## Investigate Woman's Death.

Mrs. Mary A. McLaughlin was found dead at her home about twenty-six miles south of Ainsworth. Her daughter and husband lived with her. There was suspicion of foul play and the coroner held an inquest. The verdict was "Cause of death unknown." The stomach will be analyzed.

## Boy Has Narrow Escape.

A 3-year-old son of Chris Rader, Burlington yardmaster in Nebraska City, got some papers and some matches, and putting the papers on the bed set fire to them. The little fellow then got scared and crawled under the bed and was nearly suffocated.

## Brown County's Teachers Are Women.

Miss Florence M. Johnston, county superintendent of Brown county, has completed a successful two weeks' institute. The first day's enrollment was twenty, all women. The last day there were thirty-two, all women but one.

## Motion to Remand Express Case.

Attorney General Thompson has filed a motion in the federal court to have remanded the suit against the express company involving the Sibley law. Mr. Thompson claims the state has jurisdiction in the matter.

## HARRIMAN IN OMAHA.

## Will Build Headquarters When He Gets the Money.

"I am going to build the Union Pacific headquarters in Omaha when I get the money, but beyond that I have nothing to say on the subject. We are building more motor cars and propose to continue to build them. They have demonstrated beyond all doubt their value and general utility and their place in the transportation world is fixed; so we will proceed with the construction of these cars in Omaha, but just what special extension is to be made for this work I am not prepared to announce."

This statement was made by E. H. Harriman in Omaha. He and his party on their pleasure trip west had just stepped from one of the McKean motors which had taken them for a spin to Gilmore and back.

Mr. Harriman is enthusiastic over the motor cars, far more enthusiastic, it appears, than he is over the Union Pacific headquarters. He was met as he stepped from the motor at the Union station by newspaper men and he greeted them with this expression: "Well, I have just made a safe trip on the old Union Pacific and it is still all right." And when they asked him when he was going to build the headquarters he only smiled and said when he got the money. He didn't say he was not going to build it.

## COMPETITION IS STIFLED.

## Nebraska Attorney General Goes After Burlington.

Attorney General Thompson announced his purpose to file quo warranto proceedings in the Nebraska supreme court to compel the Burlington railroad to relinquish the ownership, management and control of the Kansas City and Omaha railroad.

The latter system extends from St. Louis to the Union Pacific southwest through the heart of the South Platte corn and wheat belt to Alma on the Burlington, and has a mileage of about 200 miles. Originally it was controlled by the Union Pacific, but five years ago the road passed into the hands of the Burlington.

The attorney general will represent to the court that the Kansas City and Omaha was originally chartered as a competitive system and that its absorption by the Burlington violates the terms of its charter, besides stifling competition.

## ROADS MUST SHOW BOOKS.

## Nebraska Railway Commission Delves Into Rate Investigation.

The state railway commission ruled that the railroads must produce books, documents and all information needed in the creamery rate investigation. The creamery men last week demanded that the books of the railroad and express companies be produced to show profits made in transporting cream. The commission entered the ruling and directed that a list of the books and records be filed. Subpoenas will be issued.

Creamery men protested several weeks ago against the proposed increase in cream rates and a public hearing was granted.

## High Diver Meets Death.

The body of John M. Patterson, a "high diver," was sent from Grand Island to the former home of the man in St. Paul. Mr. Patterson was with a carnival company playing at Seneca, Kan., last week. He made his accustomed high dive, but upon striking the net failed to arise. When picked up he was paralyzed. An injury to the spinal column had resulted.

## Mother Sues for Minor Daughter.

Mrs. Lucy Morris, in behalf of her daughter, Myrtle Morris Travis, has begun suit in district court at Omaha against Abner Travis, a non-resident, asking the marriage be set aside. She says her daughter was only 15 years old when she entered into the contract and consequently was incompetent to take the vow.

## Music for State Fair.

The state fair board has engaged the LeBrette band and concert singers for four performances daily for five days during the fair. The management believes in securing this aggregation it has made a ten-strike. The board also decided to issue no transportation through the gates except for services.

## Live Stock Show for Ashland.

The first annual Eastern Nebraska Live Stock show will be held at Ashland, Oct. 3 and 4, under the auspices of the Ashland Farmers' Institute and the Business Men's association. Cash prizes of \$500 have been offered for exhibits on horses, cattle and hogs.

## City Water for Tekamah.

The Tekamah city council let a contract to Geo. Savage, of Wayne, to sink four 6-inch wells at the pumping station to be connected with the new electric light plant so that both water and light can be operated under the same management.

## Friends Believe in Searson.

No little surprise was occasioned by the announcement of the charges against Prof. Searson, of the Peru normal, among his many friends and relatives. Mr. Searson being a former Grand Island young man and having been reared and educated there.

## Boy Killed at Loup City.

Wednesday during an electrical storm Frank Grabawski, a Polish boy 19 years of age, was instantly killed by lightning near his home, six miles south of Loup City.

## Killed at Grade Crossing.

While crossing the Kansas City and Omaha railroad tracks at Lushon, a wagon driven by Lynn Billington and Eli Oryall was struck by a train. Billington was killed and Oryall injured.

## Kearney Man to Be Consul.

Senator Norris Brown, of Kearney, received word from the department at Washington that his request for the appointment of Jas. Leitch, of Kearney, as vice consul general to Salvador has been granted.

## Hot in Republican Valley.

For the last week the Republican valley has experienced a series of the hottest days known to the oldest inhabitants, the thermometer registering as high as 104 degrees for several days in succession.

## STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS.

## Operators Quit Their Keys and Business Is Badly Crippled.

With Chicago as the center, the strike of the commercial telegraphers had spread to nearly every section of the country Sunday. The strike fever seemed to run rampant, city following city in suffering isolation until the telegraph offices of thirty-five cities had been deserted by the keymen. Chicago was virtually isolated. Although a few leased wires were working when the operators employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company in Chicago walked out on strike at midnight Thursday the industry of the entire country was affected. The men quit work after voting a sympathetic strike to aid the Los Angeles operators, who struck twenty-four hours earlier. Their immediate reason was that the company officials insisted on their working on Los Angeles wires with strike-breaking operators at the western end.

The telegraph strike swept in a wave over the East Monday afternoon, first crippling the service of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies in New York city, and then spreading, within a few hours, to Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Atlanta and other cities of the East and South, so that by nightfall there was hardly a union man at work in any of the larger cities. A score or more of smaller cities in the East, South and Middle West also added their quota to the ranks of the Western Union and Postal strikers. The Postal operators at Denver, Salt Lake and Los Angeles, who had held aloof from the strike, went out, joining their Western Union brethren.

The operators employed on the leased wires of the Associated Press—the country's general news association—went on strike in Chicago and in many other cities Monday night. The step was taken suddenly at 7:30 o'clock and was a surprise even to the national labor leaders. For the time being the action completely crippled the news service of the organization. The Associated Press employs throughout the country 300 operators for its leased wire service. The strikers refused to give the corporation any further time in which to consider their demands.

## GOVERNMENT PERIL IN STRIKE.

## Weather Bureau Crippled, Crop Reports Affected, and Danger at Sea.

That part of the administration remaining in Washington is deeply concerned at the growth of the telegraphers' strike and is hoping for intervention by the President. It has been advised of the President's concern and determination to do what he can to prevent serious interruption to the business of the country and the government, but unfortunately the situation is of a character that does not admit of interference at this stage.

A general strike would seriously embarrass the federal government. Operators are employed in every executive department and bureau, while the weather and crop reporting services depend in the main on regular and uninterrupted telegraphic advices. A widespread walkout of telegraphers might result in disasters at sea, especially as the hurricane season on the Atlantic is approaching. Mariners depend upon information furnished by the government as to the state of weather. This particular service depends upon advices from the interior, and any prolonged interruption or suspension of telegraphic advices from the various stations of the weather bureau might be serious to shipping and life at sea.

This is one feature of the condition that might follow a general strike of telegraphers that gives authorities great concern. Already the weather bureau has felt the force of the sporadic strikes. This is about the time of year when frosts begin to make an appearance in the wheat belt of the Northwest. Prices of grains are made in New York largely on the outlook of the crop. The uncertainty as to actual conditions in the field might have a tendency to send prices skyward. In any event any failure of the government in bringing crop reports out on time or as completely as usual would tend to demoralize trade in grains.

## NEWS DISPATCHES ARE MEAGER.

## Strike Curtails All Messages, Even Over the Leased Wires.

Owing to the almost complete interruption of telegraphic communication between various parts of the country the news dispatches in the city dailies, both those sent out by the Associated Press and those received over special leased wires, were greatly curtailed. When the command, "Strike," was flashed to Chicago at midnight Thursday every union operator in the Western Union office stopped right in the middle of his dispatch, signalled "30," closed his key and left his desk. Postal operators followed Saturday, and Chicago was practically isolated from the rest of the country so far as telegraphic communication was concerned.

Many portions of the country were entirely cut off from the news centers and even the messages received from the larger cities were in many cases meager, showing the strain put upon the available wires. Operators on the leased wires complained of frequent interruptions and the service showed the results of general demoralization. As a result, there was a sensible diminution in the bulk of outside news which reached the news centers.

## Interesting News Items.

"Rip Van Winkle" was produced in the open air near Catskill, N. Y., where the legendary sleeper lived.

Reginald C. Vanderbilt and other prominent dwellers in Newport, L. I., were arrested and fined for speeding in their automobiles at Middletown.

Soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry, the colored organization that figured in the Brownsville riot, created a disturbance on the "Barbery coast" at San Francisco. Eighteen of the negroes were arrested on charges of disturbing the peace.